

HONORING ALEX ARGYLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex Argyle. Alex is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 125, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Alex has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alex Argyle for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM G. DRESSSEL, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of William G. Dressel, Jr. as he prepares to retire as Executive Director of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities this year. Mr. Dressel has dedicated 41 years to the League and his achievements are to be celebrated.

Joining the New Jersey State League of Municipalities staff in 1974, Mr. Dressel held various positions in the organization until being selected to serve as Executive Director in 1995. As Executive Director, Mr. Dressel has overseen a twenty member staff, an operating budget of over \$3 million and five full-time lobbyists. In addition to his tenure at the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Mr. Dressel served on the National League of Cities Executive Board for two years.

Mr. Dressel has been an effective voice for New Jersey's municipalities and his commitment to government is evident. He has fought on behalf of local government and helped advance their goals and meet their needs. Under his leadership, the League has grown, with all 565 New Jersey municipalities participating in the volunteer association for the past five years. Additionally, the League's Annual Conference is the largest of its kind, with nearly 20,000 attendees each year.

Mr. Dressel holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from West Virginia University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Social Science from Elon College. He has been recognized over the years for his outstanding service, receiving the John G. Stutz Award for 25 Years of State League Service by the National League of Cities, the Rutgers Award for Public Service to New Jersey for Excellence in promoting and supporting municipal government and Preservation New Jersey's Sarah P. Fiske Award for

his efforts to rehabilitate the Ferdinand W. Roebing Sr. Mansion as the League of Municipality's headquarters.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating William Dressel, Jr. on his retirement and thanking him for his service to New Jersey. Mr. Dressel's commitment to the betterment of our communities is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

CELEBRATING THE 67TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 67th anniversary of Israeli Independence, Yom Ha'atzmaut. The story of Israel is one of a country that for 67 years has defied all odds and a long list of existential threats not only to exist but to thrive as a powerhouse of innovation and national resilience.

Every year, the celebration of the birth of the Jewish state comes on the heels of Israel's Memorial Day, Yom Ha'zikaron. The sirens that ring throughout the country to mark the day of remembrance serve as a stark reminder of the ultimate price its citizens have paid to make the State of Israel possible.

The special relationship between our two countries spans all of Israel's 67 years, beginning the moment that President Harry Truman famously recognized the State of Israel only 11 minutes after its declaration of statehood on May 14, 1948.

Since that time, Israel has served as a bright beacon of democracy and human rights in a region scarce with both. As terrorist groups like ISIS spread their brutality, a civil war rages in Syria that has claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands of civilians, and a regime in Iran calls for the annihilation of Israel as it pursues a nuclear program, we are reminded of the importance of our alliance and shared values. On this day, we must reaffirm our steadfast commitment to the State of Israel and our shared goals of democracy, peace, security, and prosperity.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the people and leaders of Israel chag sameach and a happy 67th Independence Day.

HONORING SETH ARGYLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Seth Argyle. Seth is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 125, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Seth has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Seth has been involved with

scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Seth has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Seth Argyle for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

NATIONAL DISTINCTION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Meadows Place and their fire department on receiving the rare national distinction of a PPC top ranking of 1. Out of the 48,000 other communities that were evaluated, only 80 out of the entire nation have received such an incredible ranking from the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

The ISO utilizes a classification system to rank cities on their Fire Department's ability to protect their communities from fire-related incidents. The system evaluates fire alarm facilities, fire suppression equipment, and other fire department procedures. This comprehensive evaluation method demonstrates that it takes both exemplary city leadership and a dedicated Fire Department to achieve a ranking of this superior level. The leadership and Fire Department of the City of Meadows Place have truly prioritized the safety and welfare of their citizens.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the City of Meadows Place and its Fire Department on receiving the highest rank from the ISO. We know that you will continue to set an example in excellence, and we thank you for your service.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS A. BEATON

HON. BRUCE POLIQUIN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my colleague Mr. MOULTON of Massachusetts to commemorate Thomas A. Beaton, Phillips Academy Andover Class of 1973, as he completes his service as the President of the Phillips Academy Alumni Council. I want to celebrate Tom as a role model that embodies our school's "non sibi" motto, which translates to "not for self."

An energetic volunteer and philanthropic supporter of Andover, Tom has served as a member of the Alumni Council since 2004, during which time he twice co-chaired the Non Sibi Committee and the Mentoring Committee. Mr. Beaton also cofounded the Andover and the Military Committee, among other activities.

Today, we want to celebrate the fact that, in 2007, Tom pioneered Non Sibi Day, Andover's worldwide service effort in which alumni, parents, faculty and students participate. Under Tom's leadership and steadfast support, Non Sibi Day has evolved into what is now known

as the Non Sibi 365 initiative, which is the name given to the Non Sibi Committee's efforts to serve as a catalyst for year-round expressions of the Non Sibi spirit of the alumni of Phillips Academy and Abbot Academy. The initiative includes all public service acts done in the spirit of Non Sibi, from individual acts of kindness to group projects that bring the Andover alumni community together, with the express purpose of helping others.

Over the years, Tom has led Non Sibi projects at the Pine Street Inn to help end homelessness and cycled in the Pan-Mass Challenge to support cancer research, to name just two of the countless manifestations of Non Sibi in Tom's life. Tom's efforts have inspired thousands of alums to participate in hundreds of projects around the world. Thank you, Tom, for your inspiring and transformative leadership. Semper Non Sibi.

HONORING PAYTON RODGERS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Payton Rodgers. Payton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 125, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Payton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Payton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Payton has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Payton Rodgers for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,908,849,687.15. We've added \$7,525,031,800,774.07 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IRAN IS THE WORLD THREAT TO PEACE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Iran pretends like it wants peace, but it really wants to conquer the entire Middle East.

While the Supreme Leader's henchmen meet with our diplomats in Geneva, the Iranians are building up their war technology. Iranian news sources indicate that since 2014, Iran has been developing combat suicide drones. This technology uses drones as suicide weapons to destroy jet aircraft, helicopters, and even warships. The drone development includes drones that elude radar, have tracking devices, and fly for hours with a long range.

The Supreme Leader says he wants to destroy Israel and the United States and you know what? I believe him. He has used his terrorist proxy group Hezbollah to go after Israelis around the world. Hezbollah killed a bus full of Israeli tourists in Bulgaria. It was caught trying to kill Israelis in India, Turkey, Thailand, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.

I was in Israel not too long ago and I met with Prime Minister Netanyahu.

He told me the interim Iran nuclear deal was the worst deal of the century.

A year later we have a so-called final deal that is just as bad if not worse than the interim deal.

Iran gets to keep enriching uranium. It does not have to dismantle any of its nuclear infrastructure. No centrifuges will be disabled, no fissile material will be shipped out of the country, Arak will not be destroyed and Fordow will not be closed.

That means at the end of the deal it basically just has to flip a switch to get a nuclear bomb. Why would we be okay with Iran getting a nuclear bomb in 10 or 15 years but not today? To use a football analogy, this deal puts Iran on the goal line with just inches to go before it scores a touchdown.

The deal is also weak on inspections. Nowhere in any fact sheet is it clear that the IAEA will have "anytime, anywhere" inspections. In fact, an Iranian general said that military sites will be off limits.

Our one point of leverage—tough sanctions that this Congress passed—the Administration seems ready to get rid of sooner rather than later. President Rouhani said "We will not sign any agreement, unless all economic sanctions are totally lifted on the first day of the implementation of the deal." Then our President talked about giving Iran \$10 billion up front from oil revenue that is frozen in Iran's bank account. That does not sound like a tough negotiator to me.

As bad as this deal is, I'm not even sure there is a deal. Supreme Leader Khamenei said "there are no binding results." And you know what? I hope he's right.

As Netanyahu put it when he came to speak to Congress, "the alternative to a bad deal is a better deal." We can reimpose sanctions, bring even tougher sanctions, and return to our original goals of bargaining: dismantle nuclear infrastructure (including centrifuges and enrichment facilities), no enrichment, require anytime/anywhere snap inspections, stop re-

search and development on advanced centrifuges, and no development of ICBMs.

Right now, today, Iran is trying to gobble up Yemen, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. That is four countries in the Middle East. Now imagine what Iran would do once it had a nuclear weapon? We cannot let that happen. We must stop the Iranian mullahs that threaten both the United States and Israel.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING OFFICER JACOB BALDWIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Officer Jacob Baldwin, a police officer and hero with the Pleasant Valley Police Department, on being awarded the Pleasant Valley Police Service Purple Heart, in recognition of his injuries in the line of duty.

After serving in the United States Air Force, Officer Baldwin continued his devotion to service by becoming a member of the Kansas Air National Guard, serving in the 284th Air Support Operation Squadron. Through his four deployments to Africa, Kuwait and Iraq and his time with the Pleasant Valley Police Department, Officer Baldwin has gone above and beyond his call of duty. On December 13th, Officer Baldwin sustained severe injuries from a gunshot wound. While wounded, Officer Baldwin exemplified selflessness and bravery by notifying proper authorities of the situation at hand so they could apprehend the suspect before he brought harm to another member of the community. Throughout his many years of meritorious service and commitment to the force, Officer Baldwin has inspired his fellow officers and many in the community which he protects.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Officer Jacob Baldwin for his admirable service to the Pleasant Valley Police Department and his selfless dedication to protecting the residents who reside in the city.

COMMITMENT TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Memorial Hermann Health System for being recognized as a 2015 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year by the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA. This marks the third consecutive year that Memorial Hermann has received this honor.

Every year, the EPA's ENERGY STAR label is given to hospitals across the country for their energy performance management. For 2015, 20 percent of U.S. hospitals given this label were part of the Memorial Hermann Health System. I commend Memorial Hermann for their continued commitment to energy efficiency.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again